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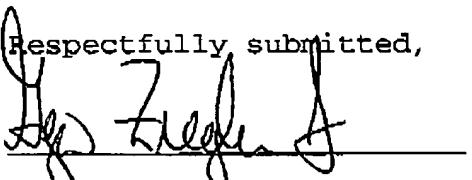
1. Claims 2, 4, 9, 12 and 20 are amended. Claims 19 and 22-24 are cancelled. Claims 2, 4-18, 20, and 21 are pending in this application.

2. Independent claims 2, 4, 9 and 12 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 19, 22, 23 and 24 respectively, as indicated by the Examiner. Allowable claim 20 is rewritten in independent form, as indicated by the Examiner.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$200.00 as payment for the additional independent claim fee as well as any other fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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